

Today's Advertisements.

BIJOU THEATRE.

RECLAMATION GROUND, WEST POINT.

TO-NIGHT
(THURSDAY), the 9th February, 1899.
Last Night but three of
"ROBINSON CRUSOE."

MATINEE TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) and SATURDAY, 10th & 11th February.
NIGHT NIGHT NIGHT
GRAND HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES.
SHOWS DAILY at 4 P.M. & 9 P.M.

MONDAY, the 13th February, 1899.
"BLUE BEARD."
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PRICES AS USUAL.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1899. [118a]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

PEARSON CUP AND SPOONS.

A COMPETITION for the above will be held on SATURDAY, the 11th instant, at 3 P.M.
RANGES—250, 300 and 600 yards.
Seven Shots and one Sighting.
Conditions as usual.

MOWBRAY'S NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Sec.
Hongkong, 9th February, 1899. [135]

LECTURE.

MR. J. J. FRANCIS, Q.C., has kindly consented to deliver an address, in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, on MONDAY, the 13th February, at 5.15 P.M., on "Spheres of Influence and the Open Door."
The MEETING will be open to the Public and Ladies are invited.

Mr. T. JACKSON will take the chair.
HENRY E. POLLOCK,
Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG ODD VOLUMES SOCIETY.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1899. [199a]

FOUND.

SEVERAL pieces of JEWELLERY, &c., at the VOLUNTEERS' BALL on the 7th instant, can be obtained on application to C. M. S. G. WATLING at VOLUNTEERS' HEAD QUARTERS.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1899. [197a]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HATTAN."

Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 14th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1899. [200a]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

THE Company's Steamship

"KWEIYANG."

Captain Overbridge, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 25th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1899. [198a]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "SACHSEN."

THE above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Goods are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notices to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 10th instant, and TUESDAY, the 14th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 26th instant, or they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1899. [154a]

To be Let.

TO LET.

SEMI-DETACHED VILLA RESIDENCES on Bowen Road (now in course of erection).

PROPERTY now occupied by the Bowington Saw Mills.

FLOORS in STANTON and ELGIN STREETS.

"BAHAR LODGE."

No. 4, RUPON TERRACE.

"HARFORD," MAGAZINE GAN, Com- forably furnished.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1899. [12]

Hotel.

WINDSOR HOTEL, HONGKONG.

THIS ESTABLISHMENT, situated in the elegant Building known as "CON- NAUGHT HOUSE," offers First-class Accommodation to Residents and Travellers.

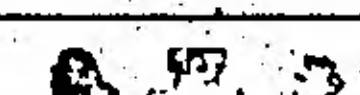
Passenger Elevator, from Entrance Hall to each Floor, in charge of experienced Attendant.

Favourable Arrangements made for Families and for Monthly or Extended Periods.

P. HOHM, Proprietor & Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1899. [1]

Intimation.



A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

PORTS

(For Invalids and General Use.)

B.—VINTAGE, superior quality, Red Capsule \$14.40

C.—FINE OLD VINTAGE, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule..... 10.20

D.—VERY FINE OLD VINTAGE extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled) 20.40

Port after removal should be rested for a month before use. Wine required for drinking at once should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out. These Wines are so favourably known to need comment.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited, THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

BIRTH.

At Batu Gajah, Perak, on the 28th January, the wife of H. F. NUTTER, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

On the 24th January, at the Presbyterian Church, Singapore, by the Rev. S. S. Walker, ALEXANDER SIM, A.M., to MAUDE FLORENCE, seventh daughter of S. Franklin, Esq., Bow, London.

On the 31st January, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, by the Ven. Archdeacon Perham, Capt. HENRY SANDY AINSIE, 5th (Northumberland) Fusiliers, son of William Ainsie, Torquay, Devonshire, late Indian Civil Service, to LILIAN ELIZABETH, daughter of James Lyall, of Singapore.

THE Hongkong-Cricket-Club will play the Navy to-morrow and Saturday, at 11.30 a.m. each day. Great difficulty has been experienced in getting up a Club team. The following have promised to play:—Capt. Langhorne, Rev. G. R. Vallings, A. G. Ward, K. G. Campbell, G. D. Campbell, Capt. Dyson, H. Hill, Lieut. Castle, R.A., W. A. Woodcock. Volunteers are wanted for the two vacant places—to be on Ground at 11.30.

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Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts in their weekly share report state:—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have experienced a further sharp advance, and have been placed at rates between 288 and 295 per cent. premium; and at the rate a few shares are obtainable. The London quotation is £61. Nationals; a fair number have changed hands at \$20 and \$20½ and are still offering at the latter rate. Marine Insurances—China Traders have been sold at \$65. Fire Insurances—Remain unchanged. Shipping—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have been taken off the market at \$264 and close steady at the rate. Indo-China have improved their position; and a fair business has been transacted at \$66, \$66½, \$67 and \$67½, and more are obtainable at the latter quotation. Douglas Steamships remain steady with sales and buyers at \$58. China and Manillas are still enquired for at \$95. Stav Ferries have again been negotiated at \$124. Refineries—China Sugars have continued in request, and sales have been effected at \$174 and \$175. Luzons are steady at \$52. Mining—Punjoms are obtainable at \$6. Raub has fluctuated between \$60 and \$63, with sales at latter rate. Queen Mines have been done at \$1.05 and \$1.10, closing steady. Jelebus have been placed to a large extent at \$6, \$6½, \$6¾, \$7 and \$7.40, and are still in demand. Great Eastern and Caledonians have been booked at \$94 and \$93½. Olivers are in the market at \$51. Docks, Wharves and Godowns—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have experienced a further sharp rise, and have advanced from 306 per cent. to 316 per cent. premium, with sales at intermediate rates. Kowloon Wharf shares have been fixed at \$86, \$87 and \$88. Lands, Hotels and Buildings—Hongkong Lands have again been dealt in at \$78. Humphreys' Estate have changed hands at \$94. China Providents have been sold at \$91. Cotton Mills—With the exception of Hongkong Cottons, which are in demand at \$84, there is no business to report. Miscellaneous—Green Island Cements (new) have been done at \$264 and A. S. Watsons have been sold and are wanted at \$13½.

FURTHER FIGHTING.

Occasional skirmishing continues, the length of the fighting line being sixteen miles.

ANOTHER POSITION CAPTURED.

The Americans have taken the town of Pasig.

Retained at 5.10 p.m.

Issued at 5.30 p.m.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, February 7th.

Parliament has been opened. The Queen's speech states that relations with the Powers continue friendly. It refers to the brilliant conduct of the Omdurman campaign and is proud to acknowledge the distinguished bravery of the British and Egyptian troops. The Government will gladly take part in the conference summoned by the Czar to consider the possibility of limiting burdensome armaments, and although unable to concur in all the resolutions proposed at the Anarchist Conference, some requisite amendments to the present laws will be submitted to Parliament. The speech dwells with great satisfaction on the Cape of Good Hope's contribution to the Navy and announces the London Government Bill, and measures for dealing with the education of, and for enabling workmen to purchase dwellings.

Later.

THE UNITED STATES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The Washington Government has decided on a vigorous offensive attack on Ilo-Ilo and to attempt to capture the Philippine seat of Government at Malolos.

THE NEW CHINESE LOAN.

The Chinese loan has been covered ten times.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—On the 9th at 11.50 a.m. The barometer has risen considerably in the North, fallen slightly in the South. Pressure is high over N. China, and gradients are rather steep to moderate with strong monsoon on the coast; slight, but increasing with the monsoon freshening in the N. part of the China Sea. FORECAST—fresh N.E. winds (fair).

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TO-MORROW being a General Holiday there will be no issue of the Hongkong Telegraph.

We would call the attention of our readers to the advertisement re jewellery found at the Volunteers' Ball appearing in another column.

The hearing of the case of Cheung Yau-Fo and others v. Choy Chan was concluded at the Supreme Court to-day, judgment being reserved.

The Steam launches which recently left Hongkong to go to Manila for the American Government, under Captains Hately and Lawler, have arrived safely.

Bursts in white marble of Lord Stanmore and Sir Arthur Havelock, both of whom were, in their turn, Governor of Ceylon, are to be placed in the Legislative Council Chamber at Colombo.

ON Saturday afternoon on the Happy Valley in the second round for the Hongkong Football Challenge shield H.M.S. Powerful will play Kowloon. Kick-off at four o'clock. Referee—Mr. H. W. Looker.

As will be seen by reference to our advertising columns, Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C. will lecture on Monday next at the City Hall, on "Spheres of Influence and the Open Door." The public and ladies are invited to attend.

TO-DAY we received a batch of copy from our Tientsin Correspondent posted at the German Post Office at Tientsin on the 29th November last. Surely this establishes a record! Seventy-two days from Tientsin to Hongkong!

Messrs. Jardine and Matheson's steamer Sultan came in from Moji to-day with a cargo of coal; in attempting to get as close as possible to the East Point Sugar Refinery she got aground, but managed to float off with the rising tide.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Fresh Fish Guild \$30

Fruit and Vegetable Guild \$50

The following football game is to be played on Saturday: Kick-off at 4.30 prompt. "V.R.C." v. "H.M.S. Bonaventure." V.R.C. team: Goal—Brett. Backs—Tuohy and Cameron. Halves—Gonsalves, Craig and Corveth. Forwards—Seith, Henderson, Yule, Sutton and Rose.

THE Post Office will be entirely closed on Friday, the 11th inst. (Chinese New Year's Day) and on Saturday, the 12th inst., except from 7 to 11 a.m. The mail for Europe will be closed at 10.30 a.m. Late letters from 10.40 to 11 a.m. The Night Box will be left open on both days. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed on both days.

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SENATOR Marcus Hanna on the 20th Dec. introduced in the U. S. Senate a bill of interest to ship-owners. The object and purpose of the bill are to promote commerce between the United States and foreign ports by granting a subsidy to each vessel sailing under the American flag and under American Registry. The bill further provides for the use of such subsidized vessels as auxiliary cruisers by the United States Government in case of emergencies, or whenever deemed necessary.

IN Paris there are no obstacles in the way of a lady studying with a view to being called to the Bar; but it appears that after she has been called, and she desires to turn her studies to profitable account, her troubles begin. A large number of barristers are not in favour of lady advocates, but it seems that a commission which has lately sat to discuss the subject has pronounced in favour of the ladies. And it is this decision which is causing emotion at the Palais de Justice just now. The prospect of lady barristers, gowned and bewigged, sitting in the court under the eye of the President, is not at all to the liking of old Bar bands, though the young ones, if the Paris Evénement is to be believed, are disposed to welcome the innovation.—E.V.

THE Rev. S. F. L. Bernays tells the following story:—A clergyman was walking through the outskirts of his parish one evening, when he saw one of his parishioners very busy whitewashing his cottage. The parson, pleased at these somewhat novel signs of cleanliness, called out, "Well, Jones, I see you're making your house nice and smart." With a mysterious air, Jones, who had recently taken the cottage, descended from the ladder, and slowly walked to the hedge which separated the garden from the road. "That's not exactly the reason why I'm doing this 'ere job," he whispered, "but the last two couples as lived in this 'ere cottage had twins; so I says to my missus, 'I'll tak 'an' whitewash the place, so as there mayn't be no infection.' Ye see, sir, 'ow we got ten of 'em already."

R. E. VARIETY CLUB.

The Royal Engineer's pretty little theatre was last night decorated and presented quite a gala appearance, the members of the Variety Club entertaining their friend, including those from H.M.S. Bonaventure, to a substantial supper, succeeded by a smoking concert, at which the annual presents to departing active members of the club were distributed. About 200 members attended and did great execution on the viands provided. The concert did not begin until nine, leaving time for the committee to clear away the debris and prepare the body of the theatre for the next day that was to follow. C. S. M. Cook, the able manager of the Club, took the chair and was supported by Lt. Bagnall-Wild, R.E., who since his stay in Hongkong has taken a great active interest in the Club's welfare. A most successful programme was gone through and Lieut. Bagnall Wild R.E., after the third song, was called upon to distribute the presents to the happy recipients. Before doing so he called attention to the meritorious services rendered to the Club by Messrs. Connelly and Minern who he was sorry to say were leaving the station. The former, who was one of the original founders of the Club and stage manager, received a fine gold ring and the latter a leather case containing two Roger's razors, for his services as scene painter and decorator. Messrs. Cutting, Calderwood, Rogers (the Irish comedian from Wales) Court, Miller, Solly, Walsh, Ellis and Donovan also received souvenirs for their services. C.S.M. Cutting in a few well chosen words thanked the members for their kindness, saying that he would always have pleasant recollections of the R.E. Variety Club. Supper Connelly, on being called upon for a few words, made a very humorous speech, giving a brief history of the Club from its start, with an orange box for storage and a broken banjo as orchestra. He told his hearers that when they left the service if they had worked hard for the club they might earn their living on the boards, he was going to do so with a jackplane. He heartily thanked the members for their kind sentiments towards him. During the evening the following gentlemen obliged, Corp. Simons, *British Royal P.O. Buckingham* (H.M.S. Bonaventure), *The Trumpet sounds*; C.M.S. Boulter, *The Waves are singing on the shore*; Sp. Mac Connell, *I live underground*; Corp. Ward, R.M.S.C., *Curiosity and After the Play*; Sp. Mac Connell and Whitburn gave a mandolin duet; Sp. Spillard, *Differences between East and West*; Sp. Walsh, *The Colonel*; Q.M.S. Stone, *The Paintings on the wall*; Corp. Welsh, *Amie-Laurie*; Corp. Landford, *Tummy Atkins*; Sp. Baker, *Following Coon*; and a new version of *Comrades*. Sp. Bracken, who has just left Egypt, where he was employed surveying the road for the railway during the last Sudan Campaign, was received with vociferous applause.

A lunch was provided to take the Stone-cutter's detachment back, leaving the Submarine Miner's pier at midnight.

A ONE-FOOT GUN.

The Kaiser's one-foot-long rifle, easily managed with one hand, holding ten cartridges in the magazine, wherewith he bagged forty out of forty-five sows, has attracted the attention of British officers in the Indian Army. It seemed to them the very improvement on the revolver which is desired by officers who fight Pathans among the wild hills of the North-West frontier. The Kaiser's gun is said to have been an invention of Mr. Hiram Maxim, but the account exactly tallies with that of a German inventor. This revolver is a foot long, and carries ten cartridges in the magazine. The bore is .300, the bullet nickel-coated, and endwise-fashioned like the "Dum-dum" bullet. Cordite is the powder behind the ball; the sights go up to 1,000 yards. There is not a screw in the whole mechanism. The pistol fits into a wooden case, which, affixed to the butt, makes a shoulder-piece, converting the revolver into a magazine rifle, easily managed with one hand. A five-pound note covers the full cost of the weapon.

A TRAGIC MISTAKE.

Mrs. Mackintosh, wife of the manager of a firm in Johannesburg, awoke under the impression that there were thieves in the house, and with her husband. He went round, saw nobody, and returned to bed. His wife, still feeling restless, arose, and, unknown to her husband, sat on a seat by the window. Mr. Mackintosh again awoke, and, seeing a head at the window, drew his revolver and shot his wife through the temple, dead. Immediately afterwards he discovered the terrible mistake he had made. Mr. Mackintosh was arrested, but immediately released on bail.

TRAINING NOTES.

Obi the Derby crack, was one of the first to put in an appearance this morning, but he only trotted three times round the course and pulled up in a profuse perspiration. I was not present yesterday morning, but I am reliably informed that he galloped one mile in the good time of 2.12½, and that his sporting owner is very hopeful as to his chance in the Derby. Mr. Kelly's sub. *Sirrah*, galloped a mile in 32½, 1.08, 1.44 and 2.19½ finishing very gamely. Mr. Buxey's veteran *White Rose* accompanied by *Ten Rose* went one mile, the quarters being 33, 1.05, 1.40 and 2.13½ the best gallop of the morning, and these two sterling ponies are bound to win some races at the forthcoming meeting. Mr. Derrick Hunter's *Strathmore* and *Charger* negotiated the same distance, the times being 36, 1.10, 1.45 and 2.20½. *Forest King* paced one and a half miles in splendid style—35½, 1.11, 1.46½, 2.22, 2.58 and 3.30½ and finished with plenty of "go." This pony will be very hard to beat in the Champions. Mr. Lewis' Derby griffin, *The Wizard*, galloped one mile in 2.15½. The various quarters being 33, 1.06, 1.40, 2.15½. This pony is coming on nicely, and is not by any means to be despised. *Grasshopper* (late *Kemish*) went a mile in his usual "loose" style. I did not catch his full time but his last half mile was done in 1.03 pulling Master nearly out of the saddle. Keep your eye on this pony for the Wong-nichong Stakes. McKie and Goves Derby griffin *Strathmore*, accompanied by Mr. Jay's Subscription griffin *Grey*, went the full Derby distance in 35, 1.08, 1.44½, 2.21, 2.58, 3.34½. His last quarter 764, being very poor time. *Grey* went very well up to the three quarter mile post, and then was left hopelessly in the rear. Mr. Buxey's Derby crack *Wild Rose*, in company with *Rose de France*, had a ding-dong gallop for a mile, the handsome chestnut having the best of it the finish. The times were 33½, 1.07½, 1.43 and 2.17½. Mr. Glenday's *Aberdeen*, went a mile and a half—half ridden—in the capital time of 33½, 1.11½, 1.48, 2.24, 2.59 and 3.31½, finishing very game. Messrs. McKie and Goves' subscription griffin *Strathmore* and *Strathdown*, in company, galloped a mile in 37, 1.2, 1.45, 2.18. The former having much the best of the paw. John Peel's *Red Fish*, *Jim Crack* and *Jim Crow* went together for a mile, the hitherto despised *Jim Crack* galloping in splendid style and covering the distance in 36, 1.12, 1.46 and 2.20. He disposed of his companions by entering the straight, and at the distance post, went in chase of *Rockwood* and was fast overhauling him at the winning post. *Rockwood's* time, for the mile being 2.16½. Mr. Pogore's crack sub. *Tourist*, accompanied by Mr. Buxey's *Wood Rose*, galloped the Valley Stakes distance in 34, 1.07 and 1.41, and he must be again placed as first favourite for that race. Mr. Derrick Hunter's *Century* and *Shinny* went over the mile for all they were worth in the very last time of 33½, 1.09½, 1.41 and 2.14½. *Century* beating his stable companion by half a dozen lengths. His gallop this morning brought him into prominence, and as he is a pony that is coming on all the time, his chances for the Derby certainly look rosy. John Peel's *Yellow Dwarf*, galloped one mile, very gamely, in 36½, 1.11, 1.47, 2.18½. He is a thorough little race horse, but I am afraid he is at his best now, and will not be able to keep up hard training for another two weeks.

The course was in splendid condition and very fast but the Lumbos were up on the rails, and they would certainly add a few seconds to the times.

February 9th, 1899.

EARLY BIRD.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of Water in Reservoirs on the 1st February.

	1898.	1899.
Tyiam.....	{ 10 ft. 0 in. below { 21 ft. 6 in. below	{ overflow { overflow
Pokfulam.....	{ 3 ft. 9 in. below { 2 ft. 8 in. below	{ overflow { overflow

	1898.	1899.
Tyiam.....	305,000,000	226,620,000
Pokfulam.....	57,880,000	15,000,000
Total.....	362,880,000	241,620,000

Consumption of Water in the City of Victoria and Hill District during the month of January.

	1898.	1899.
Consumption.....	85,644,000	96,225,000
Estimated population.....	193,000	198,500

Consumption per head..... 14.3 15.6 gallons per day.

Consumption of Water in Kowloon Peninsula during the month of January.

	1898.	1899.
Consumption.....	6,133,000	5,310,000
Estimated population.....	25,300	26,500

Consumption per head..... 7.8 6.4 gallons per day.

Owing to shortness of water the supply in Kowloon Peninsula has been intermittent since the 6th of January.

The Government Analyst reports that

VICTORIA GAOL.

CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT MAY'S REPORT FOR 1898.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon the report of the Superintendent of Victoria Gaol for 1898 was submitted. We give the following extract from it:—

The number of prisoners admitted to the Gaol during the past year under sentence of the ordinary Courts was 4,976, besides 69 soldiers and sailors sentenced by Courts Martial. There were 51 persons imprisoned for debt and 531 in default of finding security, making a total of 5,477. Of these 786 were old offenders, including 13 juveniles who were merely sent to the Gaol to be whipped by order of the Magistrate, and were detained pending the infliction of the whipping, leaving a total of 747 old offenders who actually underwent imprisonment.

There were altogether 69 juveniles sent to the Gaol merely to be whipped and arrangements have now been made with the sanction of the Government by which such juveniles are whipped immediately on reception in the outer court of the Gaol. They do not now enter the Gaol nor are they detained beyond the time actually necessary for whipping.

The corresponding numbers for the preceding year were respectively as follows:—Convicted by the ordinary Courts 4,711, by Courts Martial 48, Debtors 54, in default of finding security 263; total 5,076, including 606 old offenders.

The daily average number of prisoners confined in the Gaol during the year was 511, as compared with 462 for 1897.

With a view to decreasing the number of prisoners confined in Gaol in default of payment of fines, I have suggested legislation such as has recently been introduced at home, allowing part payment of a fine to be equivalent to serving a proportionate part of the sentence of imprisonment in default.

There were 4,038 reports made by Prison Officers against prisoners for offences against Prison discipline, as compared with 2,619 reports for the previous year.

A proportion of the increase is directly due to the increased population of the Gaol in 1898, and I attribute the remainder of the increased reports to the following conditions which rendered difficult the enforcement of strict discipline:—

(a) The location of a larger number of prisoners in Association while the work of sub-dividing the cells, which is referred to in paragraph 8, was in progress.

(b) The interruption of the regular routine of labour by this and other structural improvements on a large scale that have been carried out during the year.

(c) The numerous changes in the Indian Gaol staff to which I have alluded in C.S.O. 1647/1897. Discipline cannot be maintained by inexperienced officers.

Retains show a considerable increase in assaults on each other, on Prison Officers, by prisoners, and in the offence of having tobacco. The number of cases of assault on Prison Officers was two, which is below the average.

The number of assaults by prisoners on each other shows a large increase. The assaults were, however, with one exception, of a trivial nature, and arose out of petty disputes between prisoners engaged together on unaccustomed work in connection with the structural alterations, and in addition to the Gaol.

The increase in the offence of having tobacco is due to the fact that at various periods during the year, there were a certain number of free men engaged on work in the Gaol.

The following improvements, referred to in paragraph 16 of my Report for 1897, have been completed during the year under review almost entirely by prison labour at what must be regarded as the small cost of \$15,000:—

(a) On the site of D wing, a large two-storied workshop has been erected, the upper floor of which is used as a printing shop while the ground floor is devoted to mat making.

The workshop was much needed, and has rendered possible a useful extension of industrial labour.

(b) The sub-division of Association cells into separate cells has been completed. There are now 427 separate cells in the Gaol, and 26 Association cells giving accommodation for 433 prisoners in separate confinement, and for 104 extra prisoners by placing 5 prisoners in each Association cell, or a total of 557 prisoners.

(c) The Officers' quarters inside the Gaol have been converted into a commodious hospital, and offices for the Chief Warden and Clerks, but the hospital is still occupied by the Indian Staff pending the building of quarters for them outside the Gaol.

(d) What was formerly the Chief Warden's and Clerks' offices has been turned into a reception room with cells attached.

(e) The old hospital, which is above the female Prison, has been prepared for the reception of female prisoners as an extension to the existing female Prison. It is, however, still occupied by male prisoners pending the removal of the hospital to the new accommodation provided for it.

(f) Certain alterations in the yards round A and B halls (the Gaol extension) have been made to prevent escapes, and a useful addition to the yards space between the two halls has been contrived.

The following improvements are being now effected by Prison labour, having been undertaken before the end of the year:—

In the Lower East Yard the ramp is being entirely removed affording a site for a new and enlarged laundry, which it is proposed to build, and additional yard space for the laundry work, while the old laundry will be converted into a shed for general labour.

When the above work has been completed, it is proposed to demolish B wing and to erect in its place a new hall. B wing contains 15 Association cells and 2 separate cells. The new Ward would contain 76 separate cells, and being much more compact, would enable an increase in space in the Upper Yard. It is also proposed to cover in the centre of the Upper Yard as a protection against sun and rain in summer time.

With the erection of the proposed new Ward, the Gaol would contain 507 separate cells and 11 Association cells, the latter being capable of accommodating 55 prisoners, or a total of 562.

The Gaol could then be conducted almost entirely on the separate system.

The fact that the capacity of the Gaol accommodation does not exceed 557 prisoners is one that should not be lost sight of, and when it is remembered that it is necessary to have space accommodation in the Gaol to meet the demands of any emergency, it is evident that with a rapidly growing population and the acquisition of new territory, the question of increasing the Gaol accommodation for the Colony is one that already demands the attention of Government.

During the year one Chinese prisoner succeeded in escaping, and two others attempted to escape, but were re-captured by Prison officers, by scaling the boundary wall of the Gaol extension.

Structural additions have now been made which will render escapes from the same locally very difficult.

The profits on industrial labour amounted to \$6,204.10, as compared with \$4,600.03 in the preceding year. The increase is principally due to the extension of the Printing Department which now executes the job printing required by the Government and the Military Authorities.

A statement of the casualties that occurred in the Gaol Staff during the year is annexed. The large number of resignations in the Indian Staff was due to the men throwing up their appointment to seek more lucrative employment elsewhere.

Vacancies in the European Staff have, with one exception, that of a Hospital Warden, been filled by local candidates drawn from the Army. Some promising officers have been thus acquired.

The year has been an exceptionally busy one in the Gaol, and the large works referred to in paragraph 8, carried out as they were, simultaneously with a high daily average, and at times excessive number of prisoners—the daily average in July was 559 and on two occasions during that month the number reached 589—entailed a great deal of new and unaccustomed work on officers.

Credit is due to all for their share in the labour, but the service rendered by the Chief Warden in immediately directing and supervising the work deserves special notice.

Mr. Craig assisted me with many valuable suggestions in connection with the various works; and to his technical knowledge and unfailing industry and resource is largely due the successful accomplishment of an undertaking of no small magnitude.

SINGAPORE AND THE SOUTH.

(From Straits Papers.)

POLO FOR SINGAPORE.

A public meeting was held at Singapore on the 30th ult. for the purpose of forming a Polo Club.

END OF A COMPANY.

The Bukit Mas Company of Tapha has finally ceased operations, and the plant, etc., is to be sold by public auction.

NEW DRILL INSTRUCTOR.

A sergeant of the West Yorkshire regiment has been appointed drill instructor to the Singapore police force. He was sworn in on the 1st inst.

HANGKOK RICE.

It appears that rice-millers at Bangkok are not so sanguine about the rice crop this year. This has been emphasized by the fact that rice is not coming down in such quantities as during last year.

CHICKEN POX.

Chicken-pox has broken out at Tanjong Malin, says the *Petak Pioneer*, and its first victim was the barber of the village. The dresser is reported to have taken all precautions, and has isolated the case.

(THE SINGAPORE FIRST MAGISTRATE.

Mr. J. B. Elcum, the Acting First Magistrate, gave on fifteen months' leave about the middle of February. Mr. Brockman will take up the duties of the First Court.

NEW GAME OF CHANCE.

A newly invented game of chance with dice is now in great popularity among Chinese women in Penang. The game is known as "Pat-Min" in Chinese, meaning eight faces. The bankers and croupiers are all women.

ENGINEERING IN SELANGOR.

Now that the engineering work open to private firms in Selangor is not sufficient to keep two shops employed, a new company is being formed under the title of the Federated Engineering Co., Ltd., which will take over both the businesses in High Street, Kuala Lumpur.

ACCIDENT AT PENANG.

A Kling brass-gilder, while at his work in Penang recently, somehow or other spilt some water on a pot of melted tin and so caused the liquid metal to fly all over his body, inflicting severe injuries. His right eye was so much scalded that it is feared he will ever lose the use of it. He was carried home by his friends in a riksha.

SPURIOUS PARTNERS.

Two Chinamen have been arrested at Singapore for cheating in falsely representing themselves as partners in the Chop "Leng Bee" and thus obtaining eighty bags of rice, valued at \$472, from one firm, from another 160 bags, worth \$1,085, and from a third firm 78 bags, of the value of 4461. They were brought up on 2nd inst.; the hearing was postponed till the 8th, but being fixed at \$1,000, \$1,500, and \$1,000 each on the three charges respectively.

SWEARING IN FORM.

A Chinese female servant at Singapore summoned her employers for recovery of forty-two dollars wages. The defendant denied the claim. The plaintiff challenged them to "cut a fowl's head," and said that if they did so, she would forego her claim. The parties went to the Court compound. Two candles were lighted, and the defendants lighted two joss sticks each. A chopping board and a parang were produced. The male defendant then called down dire curses upon himself, if he was not stating the truth; and a blow reverberated from the fowl's head. The female defendant repeated this, and the parties went away apparently satisfied.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

Mr. Henry Walker, Commissioner of Lands in British North Borneo, has written a letter to a friend in Ceylon, recommending that Territory as a field for planting enterprise, especially in coconuts and Para-rubber. He says that the tobacco crop there, last year, averaged the heaviest known per acre, in addition to excellence in quality. Libenian coffee was looking up, and the quantity exported, this year, is expected to be larger than last year's. He thinks that, at the present time, North Borneo offers a profitable field for young men with a little capital.

A RESCUE BY ITALIAN BLUE JACKETS.

As a Marine Department gig was returning from putting the mails on board the *Indra Maru* at Singapore on the 30th inst., a sudden squall came on and capsized the gig. Three boats immediately put off from the Italian man-of-war *Elba* and rescued the gig and her crew. These men speak in grateful terms of the kindness they were shown on board the *Elba*, where they received every attention and were afterwards sent on shore in one of the man-of-war's boats.

ROBBERY AND ASSAULT.

On the 1st inst. a Chinaman went to a house in Hallpike Street, Singapore, and bargained for a ship's fender, stating that he would send another man to pay for it. Shortly afterwards he returned, with two other men, seized the inmate, a woman, and rubbed pepper into her eyes. They then locked the woman up in a room, and stole clothing and jewellery to the value of \$515. The woman managed to escape over the partition of the room in which she was confined, and raised an alarm. Two of the thieves were subsequently arrested by the marine police. Each man had jewellery in his possession, and was found to be wearing two or three suits of clothing stolen from the house.

THE FATE OF COFFEE.

The *Malay Mail* thinks that coffee planters are indeed to be pitted. The market price of

coffee has fallen to such a price that it is impossible to grow it at a profit, while hosts of caterpillars are now playing fearful havoc on some estates, whole trees being stripped absolutely bare of all leaves. The planters will have to make up their minds as to the utility or otherwise of going on. It seems to us contemporary that the only hope of financial salvation lies in coconuts, and from an economical point of view taking up land along the sea shore would be to their advantage, a small gang of men only being retained to keep down the lalang on their coffee estates.

TRADE OF THE STRAITS.

The import and export returns of the Colony for the third quarter of 1898 have been issued. The imports show thus on comparison with the corresponding quarter of 1897:—

3rd Quarter 1898.....\$62,768,264=£6,074,861
3rd Quarter 1897.....\$53,667,644=£5,030,370
Increase in Dollars.....\$9,600,620
Increase in Sterling.....£1,044,491
Singapore's increase is about \$7,000,000. Penang's increase comes nearly to \$4,000,000. Malacca shows a decrease.

The export comparisons come out thus:—
3rd Quarter 1898.....\$50,583,682=£4,900,295
3rd Quarter 1897.....\$48,139,710=£4,563,258
Increase in Dollars.....\$2,443,972
Increase in Sterling.....£237,057

The figures for Singapore show an increase of over \$1,000,000. An increase of \$1,100,000 comes under the head of Penang. Malacca's exports decreased. The exchange rates taken are 1/11 1/2 for 1898 and 1/10 1/2 for 1897.

A RECORD "RIGHT AND LEFT."

The following, from a private letter written by Mr. F. Weld, will interest all big game sportsmen:—

"I got a right and left at rhinoceros on the 22nd instant near Batu Gajah. I dropped the first with one shot through the brain (but fired a second barrel later on to make sure), and the second one made a run into the thicker jungle. I fired at it with my left barrel and raked it right through. We followed it up for about a mile and a half and saw where it had been lying down in three different places. On coming up to it I fired four more shots before killing it.

The bigger one measured 10 ft. long from nose to tip of tail (which is about six inches long only) and stood 4 ft. 10 inches in height. The height of the smaller one was 4 ft. 3 inches at the shoulder. I used a double 12-bore rifle, spherical hardened bullet, and 63 drams powder. I thought this might interest you as I believe a right and left at rhinoceros is a record, certainly for the Straits."

GIBRALTAR.

From the report on Gibraltar for the past year, which has just been published, it seems that the revenue amounted to 1,652,781 pesetas, derived mainly from port dues, Customs, office fees, and posts and telegraphs, while the expenditure was 1,531,784 pesetas. Wines, spirits, and much liquor are the only dutiable articles. The returns show that the decline in shipping has been arrested, and this, it is said, is due to increased facilities given to vessels calling for coal or orders. It is hoped that the amount of shipping visiting the port will still further increase, as the port dues have been diminished and new wharves will shortly be open to traffic. "The facilities afforded by the new works for coaling along-side a wharf in sheltered waters, at any hour by day or night, will be unsurpassed anywhere, while the reduction in the port dues already effected, which makes Gibraltar a cheap port as any in the Mediterranean, adds to its advantages as a port of call for orders or for coal.

Besides the works directly intended for the improvement of the shipping facilities, others to increase the supply of drinking water are making good progress, and before long the plentiful supply of fresh water for the shipping will greatly add to the advantages of the port."

DUELLING WHOLESALE.

HUNGARIAN HOTHEADS AT WAR.

The opposition rancour against Baron Banffy, the Premier, has set the Hungarian Parliament by the ears. M. Haronsky attacked the Baron in the Chamber of Deputies on the 9th December, declaring that he had broken faith with the National party. When a challenge followed, he declined a meeting unless it were entered on the record of the proceedings that the Baron's seconds cowardly to listen to terms, and impudently cowardly to M. Haronsky, who accordingly challenged him. Both declined until their principal honour was satisfied. Meantime, the seconds all met and fought. Count Stephen Karolyi and another entered the lists for M. Haronsky, while Baron Banffy was represented by the Minister of National Defences and another. Three encounters took place on the 13th. In the first, one shot missed and the other pistol failed. In another case, where swords were used the Baron's man was wounded on the right hand, and his opponent's head bled profusely from a couple of severe wounds. In the third case, both combatants were wounded. M. Haronsky, on the 15th, challenged the seconds who acted for Baron Banffy's seconds. The affair is still unsettled and a court of honour must decide how far the suspension of the original quarrel affects the settlement of the others. Altogether, ten affairs of honour have resulted. The reaction of public opinion is strongly in favour of Baron Banffy, who is now considered to be the victim of an unscrupulous conspiracy.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1897.

Barometer.....30.141
Thermometer.....57.3
Humidity.....79.0
Rainfall.....1.76

TO-DAY.

Barometer.....30.23
Thermometer.....63
Humidity.....68
Rainfall.....—

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at 4 p.m. On date at 4 p.m.

Barometer.....30.23
Thermometer.....63
Humidity.....68
Rainfall.....—

TO-DAY.

Thursday, 9th February, 1899.

Chinese—29th of 12th moon of 25th year of Kwang-si.

Sun—Rises.....6hr. 25min.
Sets.....5hr. 35min.

Moon—In Perigee 10hr. p.m.
High water—Morning.....6hr. 30min.
Afternoon.....5hr. 30min.

Low water—Morning.....5hr. 30min.
Afternoon.....4hr. 20min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1555—Bishop Hooper burnt.

1857—The *Teutonic* found drifting about in Palawan Passage, a captain, crew and 250 coolies missing.

1891—Destructive fire at Kowloon City.

TO-MORROW.

Friday, 10th February, 1899.

(China New Year.)

Chinese—1st of 1st moon of 26th year of Kwang-si.

Sun—Rises.....6hr. 25min.
Sets.....5hr. 35min.

Moon—New Moon 6hr. 30min. a.m.

High water—Morning.....6hr. 30min.
Afternoon.....5hr. 30min.

Low water—Morning.....5hr. 30min.
Afternoon.....4hr. 20min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1795—Kien-lung, Emperor 61 of China, died in the 60th year of his reign.

1840—Queen Victoria married.

1896—Russian Marines sent from Chemulpo to protect the Legation at Seoul.

1898—The Spanish Minister at Washington resigned.

Saturday, 11th February, 1899.

Chinese—2nd of 1st moon of 26th year of Kwang-si.

Sun—Rises.....6hr. 22min.
Sets.....5hr. 37min.

Moon—Morning.....6hr. 30min.

High water—Morning.....6hr. 30min.
Afternoon.....5hr. 30min.

Low water—Morning.....5hr. 30min.
Afternoon.....4hr. 20min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1841—Emperor Tao-Kwang rejected Treaty.

1858—The demands of the Allies forwarded to Peking by Lord Elgin.

1873—Abdication of King Amadeus of Spain.

1885—The s.s. *Douglas* lost on White Rocks.

1890—The Japanese constitution granting representative Government proclaimed by the Emperor in person at Tokio.

1896—Murder of the Korean Ministers at Seoul.

1897—Greece informed the Powers that she could no longer remain a mere spectator of events in Crete.

1898—The Chinese Government granted the right to extend the Burma Railway in Yunnan.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

Indian (*Koh-i-nur*) 11th inst.

French (*Caledonien*) 14th inst.

American (*Doric*) 15th inst.

Australian (*Airline*) 17th inst.

Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) 21st inst.

American (*Nippon Maru*) 22nd inst.

American (*City of Rio de Janeiro*) 2nd prox.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Mitsushima* (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 7th, and is expected to arrive here on the 13th inst.

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R. Nunome.....	SINGAPORE, COLOMBO and	at Noon.
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C. Hilcoat.....	and MELBOURNE	Thursday, 2nd March,
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